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The Federal Council of the Churches of Christ in America, the American Section of the World Presbyterian Alliance, the Presbyterian Church U. S. A. and the Presbyterian Church of Canada have passed resolutions warmly commending the Franco - Belgian Delegation to the sister Churches of the United States and Canada for their assistance and prayers.

AN APPEAL

FOR THE

Belgians and the French Huguenots

TO THEIR AMERICAN BRETHREN

Belgium and Northern France have been devastated by the War and the whole population is still suffering intensely. Unemployment is general; the misery is appalling and will increase greatly this winter.

The American Relief Committee is doing much to alleviate the distress, but American Christians will naturally feel a special responsibility towards their Protestant brethren of the war stricken regions.

Fighting has taken place all along the line of the mission stations in Belgium and Northern France. Thousands of homes have been destroyed; thousands of non-combatants, men, women and children have been killed. Manses, churches and mission halls have been destroyed; but religious work has continually been carried on with great devotion in the midst of the surrounding chaos.

By far the largest part of the home missionary work in France and Belgium is under the direction of the Franco-Belgian Committee, which is represented in this country at the present time by their Delegate, the Reverend Dr. Henri Anet.

They have 439 churches and missionary stations, 135 pastors and evangelists, beside many lay-workers and deaconesses. Their total yearly expenditure amounts to \$162,300.00. War conditions have naturally caused a heavy deficit, which can only be made good by the generosity of our American friends. Failing this, much of the work so devoutly built up, will fall to the ground.

Thousands of poor peasants and workmen, orphans and widows, wives and children of deported Belgians and prisoners are turning to their pastors and churches to get financial help and consolation.

In the Protestant clinics the Deaconesses are nursing thousands of poor people suffering from starvation. The evangelical churches offer a sure and direct means to help the war sufferers and their hands should be strengthened in this work of mercy.

We therefore, beg to address an earnest appeal to the Christians of our country, who enjoy the blessings and prosperity of peace, on behalf of the churches which are sorely tried by the War. All donations, both large and small, will be deeply appreciated.

The Delegate

The Reverend Henri Anet, B.D., LL.D., doctor in Social Sciences of Brussels University, springs from a sturdy stock of Pastors and Missionaries. His family has been associated with the Evangelization of Belgium for seventy-five years.

Born near Liege, Dr. Anet has worked for fifteen years as a missionary in Belgium. In 1911, he made an extensive exploration in the Belgian Congo which led to the formation of the Belgian Congo Mission. As the official representative in Brussels of several of the American Congo Missions, he has greatly helped our African Missionaries in their relations with the Belgian Government.

He was several months in Belgium under German rule and was present at the surrender of Brussels ; he visited Rheims and the French first line trenches in September 1916. He has seen the battlefields and desolated places in Belgium. Last Autumn he visited the Belgian battle front in Flanders, and had a very interesting interview with King Albert, who gave him an important message that will be heard with interest.

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